



**AMERICAN WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION
WATER RESOURCES POLICY DIALOGUE**

- Dates: September 17-18, 2002
- Location: Being Determined – Hotel in DC or Arlington
- Sponsor: [American Water Resources Association \(AWRA\)](#)
- Attendees: 300-500 persons representing all water resources interests
- Purposes:
 - Dialogue on U. S. water resources policy involving **ALL** stakeholders
 - Examine key water resources policy issues
 - Provide participants with a heightened awareness of all sides of issues
 - Bring opposing viewpoints together in a non-threatening environment
 - Represent all viewpoints
 - Attempt to find consensus through collaboration
- Focus: Six key water resources policy issues
 - Safety and security of water resources
 - Water infrastructure
 - Flood plain and coastal zone management
 - Sustainable water use and drought management
 - Managing watersheds holistically
 - Restoring and protecting the environment
- Organization: Keynote speakers, panel discussions, discussion groups, key issue reports, wrap-up
 - Keynote speakers: High level administration representative, senator, governor or other state representative, mayor
 - Key issue introduction: Departmental Secretaries or Assistant Secretaries; Congressmen; Agency Heads
 - Key issue panels: Subject matter experts – federal, state, local, tribal, industry, environmental, congressional staff, academia, consultants
 - Facilitated discussion groups involving all participants with recorders
 - High level moderator for presentation of key issue reports, discussion wrap-up
- Participant Take Aways – Follow-ups
 - Heightened awareness of diverse viewpoints
 - Networking – new or renewed acquaintances of key policy players
 - CD of keynote speeches and working group reports
 - Summaries of working groups dialogs
 - Opportunity to participate in future policy dialogues